RULES AND REGULATIONS

WMC AMERICA REGION INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CHESS TOURNAMENT – 2027

1. Tournament Format

- The tournament will be conducted entirely online through Chess.com.
- All games will be Rapid chess, with a time control of **10 minutes per player**.
- Each category will consist of **5 or 6 rounds**, depending on the number of participants.
- The tournament will have three categories: Beginner, Intermediate, and Expert.

2. Eligibility and Registration

- Players of all ages and from all countries are welcome.
- Participants must create a Chess.com account and register through the official registration link: https://www.ticketprism.com/ticket_details.php?eid=952
- Participants must provide their correct Chess.com username and other required details.
- The registration deadline is **December 31, 2026**.
- Registration fees:
    - Beginner: $15
    - Intermediate: $20
    - Expert: $25
- Registration is confirmed only upon receipt of the required information and payment. Fees are non-refundable unless otherwise decided by the organizers.

3. Fair Play and Camera Requirements

- All games must be played independently without assistance from another person, chess engines, AI tools, or other unauthorized resources.
- Every participant must maintain **two active cameras throughout each game**:
    - **Camera 1:** Computer webcam showing the participant's face and upper body.
    - **Camera 2:** Side-view camera showing the participant's hands, computer, and surrounding playing environment.
- Both camera feeds must remain accessible to the tournament monitoring team.
- Account sharing, multiple registrations, collusion, rating manipulation, and match fixing are strictly prohibited.
- Participants found violating fair-play rules may be disqualified without a refund.

4. Game Conduct and Technical Requirements

- Participants must use their registered Chess.com accounts and join assigned games on time.
- Participants are responsible for maintaining reliable internet connectivity and ensuring their devices and cameras function properly.
- Games lost due to disconnection, timeout, or personal technical difficulties will generally stand as recorded by Chess.com.
- All participants must demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect toward opponents and organizers.

5. Results and Fair-Play Verification

- Game results displayed on Chess.com are provisional until officially verified.
- Organizers will review game records, camera footage, and any reported fair-play concerns before confirming the final standings.
- Suspected violations will be investigated, and confirmed violations may result in disqualification and adjustment of rankings.
- The official final results are scheduled to be announced on **January 30, 2027**.
- The announcement may be postponed if any fair-play complaints or investigations remain unresolved.
- Only results officially confirmed by the organizers will be considered final.

6. Organizers' Authority

- The organizers reserve the right to modify the rules, schedule, categories, or tournament format whenever necessary.
- The organizers may postpone, suspend, or cancel the tournament due to unforeseen circumstances.
- All decisions regarding tournament administration, rule interpretation, disputes, and final results shall be final and binding.

7. Complete Rules and Camera Requirements

For detailed information regarding tournament procedures, fair-play policies, camera positioning, video monitoring, technical requirements, privacy, complaints, and disqualification, please refer to:

Complete Tournament Rules & Camera Requirements

By registering and participating, all players acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with the tournament rules and regulations.

We wish all participants the very best. Let the games begin!